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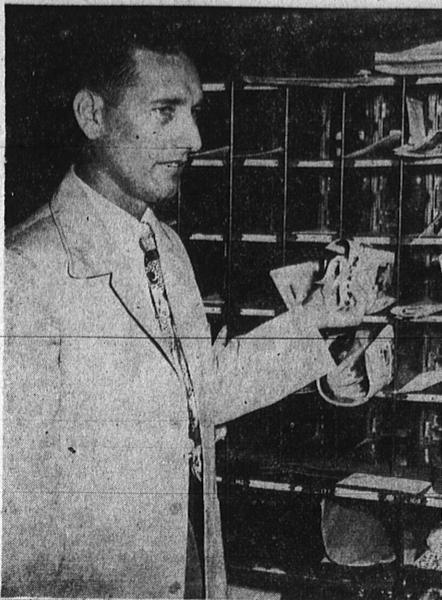
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BETTER MAIL FOR WALTERIA... Into a box at the Walteria Postoffice goes a piece of mail—put there by the station's new postmaster Robert S. Sleeth, Jr. He took over his duties there on Monday.—Herald photo.

New Postmaster Sleeth Starts at Walteria Office

Robert S. Sleeth Jr., 29-year-old Army veteran of World War II, Monday assumed new duties as postmaster of the Walteria Post Office.

For Sleeth, the promotion climaxed his third year with the postal department, a tenure which started with his honorable discharge from the armed services.

A Torrance resident—together with his wife and nine-month-old son he lives at 1731 Cabrillo avenue—Sleeth has attended Compton Junior College, the University of California at Santa Barbara, and U. C. L. A. Prior to his Walteria assignment, Sleeth was a clerk with the Torrance Post Office.

Nomination to the Walteria postmastership was made by President Truman on recommendation of Congressman Cecil R. King.

Sleeth is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sleeth Sr. of 1618 Post avenue.

Cupid Was Elusive

Detective Finds 'Bride' Who Couldn't Be Wed

A bride who wasn't there and a corpse which wasn't dead Saturday sent Torrance's Det. Sgt. Percy Bennett on the trail of Dan Cupid who wouldn't stay put.

It happened this way: According to his reports to the Torrance Police Department,

Frank Demello was to have married Ann Roberts Saturday, at noon. But he didn't, because the bride-to-be didn't show up. After smiling nervous apologies to waiting guests for more than an hour, the would-be groom went to finance's Rdeondo Beach apartment. There, he stopped smiling.

A note, penned by Miss Roberts, told of the death of a

Woman Dies Phoning Aid

Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 2 p.m. for Mrs. Phyllis Robbins, 47, of 18815 Hawthorne boulevard, who died in a phone booth Monday while she was making a call to a hospital for aid.

Mrs. Robbins came to a store at 182nd street and Hawthorne boulevard to use a public phone there, sheriff's deputies said. She wasn't feeling well, she told employees and wanted to summon medical aid. A few minutes later, a store employee noticed her slumped down in the store's phone booth.

She was pronounced dead, presumably of a heart attack, upon arrival at Harbor General Hospital. Her body was taken to Stone and Myers Mortuary. She is survived by her husband, Gerald Robbins, of Torrance, a brother, Harlow Whitmore of Canton, Ohio, and two sisters, Mrs. Jean Scheaffer of Canton, and Mrs. Gladys Davis of Akron, Ohio.

FIVE PET PUPS SAID POISONED

Five dogs, all pets of families living in the Walteria and Hollywood Riviera district, died within the past two weeks as the result of poisoned food mysteriously put out, according to Ralph Blunk, of the South Bay Humane Society.

TOT INJURED IN FALL

William Freddy Jr., 2, suffered slight head injuries when he fell out of an automobile being driven by Mrs. Rose Mary Skeels, 60, of 21736 So. Figueroa street. The mishap occurred near the corner of Gaffey and Basin streets.

J. A. Beasley Suggested for School Post

J. A. Beasley, Walteria business man, this week was suggested as a possible appointee to the Board of Education post expected to be left vacant soon by the resignation of George P. Thatcher.

The suggestion was made by James W. Whitmer, president of the Walteria Businessmen's Association.

Thatcher, a resident of Walteria and now on vacation, was not available for confirmation of reports relative to his planned resignation. However, friends and other sources close to the situation were reported to have declared that he would resign as a result of a transfer of employment.

Now a sales engineer for Linde Air Products, Thatcher is being transferred to the Arcadia area, it was said.

When asked Tuesday about the probability of a change in the school board, Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, stated that the board had received no official notification of Thatcher's resignation.

Dr. Hull declared that "if a new appointment to the Board of Education becomes necessary, the man most qualified—regardless of where he lives—should be chosen."

"We believe that a school board member should have the interests of the entire city at heart; not particularly the wants of one community," Dr. Hull said. "This policy has prevented school board 'house training' in the past and will be employed in the future to keep our school board an efficient one."

He was backed by a similar statement for Board President Howard A. Wood.

Stolen L. B. Checks May Be Passed Here

Torrance merchants were warned yesterday by Detective Sgt. Percy Bennett to be on the lookout for any of the 777 checks stolen last week from a Long Beach concern.

Bennett cautioned the local firms not to cash the zizzzag water-marked checks printed "J. A. Campbell checks, 654 West Wardlow Road, Phone 450-02, Long Beach, Calif." The checks number from 16312 to 17089 inclusive.

Also 'stolen from the company was a Fay Master check protector, serial numbers unknown, which prints in blue ink. Bennett said the check passer may be using this machine.



HEAD RECALL MOVEMENT... William Bowman (left) and Kenneth Kail file notice of their intention to circulate petitions demanding recall of two Torrance city councilmen.—Herald photo.

School Demand May Force Bond Issue

"We are out of schools—and out of money."

Such was the terse warning given the Board of Education Tuesday night by Superintendent of Schools Dr. J. Heinrich Hull.

"The unprecedented residential growth in the city plus that which is planned makes it imperative we start planning now for more schools," Hull told the board.

"If we wait we will again find ourselves in double sessions or transporting our children over long distances to schools which may not be so crowded."

"Judging from our current ex-

periences in building new school buildings I would say that it is imperative that we lay the ground work at once for a new school bond issue," the superintendent stated.

If interpretations of the county counsel are correct the local board can expect some relief from a recent bill due to go into effect on October 1. Under the bill, A.E. 1484, unified school districts, may add to their bonding capacity indebtednesses incurred at the time they took over the school district.

Bonding capacity of the two local school districts, the elementary district and the high school district is five per cent of the assessed valuation of the city—or \$2,356,791 each.

Present indebtedness of the elementary district limits the remaining allowable funds available to \$876,913. To this it may be possible to add approximately \$157,000 under the recent assembly bill.

The high school district, bonded at present for \$182,000 may hold a future bond issue for as much as \$2,018,157. To this amount it may be possible to add \$156,663, the amount which the district is indebted to Los Angeles.

In calling attention to the need for additional schools, Hull pointed to the increase of 114 homes in the Kettler Knolls district and 175 in North Torrance—both tracts planned and developed since the passing of the school bond of last year.

Other matters on the agenda of Tuesday's meeting was a report on the present school building program.

It was revealed that the Fern Avenue School additions will be ready for occupancy by August 25th.

Plans for the North Torrance School are in the State Department of Architecture and should be returned by August 10. Advertising for bids is scheduled for 15 days thereafter.

It was reported that plans for the Walteria School will go to the state for approval on August 30. Bids for the construction job will be called for by October 1, it was estimated. Completion of the school is expected within five to six months. As an economical measure the board elected to install only the rough-in plumbing in the proposed home-making room. It was anticipated that by the time the school is completed the unit may be needed.

During the meeting, which will be held starting at 7:30 at the Smith Brothers Fish Shanty in Walteria, Barr will present a survey of recreational needs in this area.

Councilmen Study Seven Point Blast

Though sitting in the hot seat of a recall movement, Councilmen A. L. Jackson and Bob L. Haggard yesterday accepted the "mismanagement" charges leveled against them rather coolly.

The embers of the recall movement, smoldering for the past month, broke into a small blaze last Tuesday with the filing of a legal advertisement by the backers of the recall movement. Heading the movement are Richard Bowman, 1226 Madrid avenue, an employee of National Supply Company, as

chairman and Kenneth Kail, 2075 Torrance boulevard, a former city councilman himself and presently an employee of the American Rock Wool Company.

Jackson, a councilman for the past three years, advised of the charges and asked for a statement commented simply: "It has been my understanding that there are FIVE members on the City Council."

Haggard, elected last year, released the statement: "Not having studied the charges it is impossible for me to make further comment until I have additional information."

The notice stating that a petition will be circulated among the voters of Torrance within the next 21 days, levies a seven-point attack against the councilmen.

1. It is alleged that the council created an administrative position not authorized by the City Charter in the hiring of George W. Stevens as city administrator. The committee claims the position replaced the city engineer at a salary of \$750 per month—an increase of \$305 over the former city engineer. They claim the cost of an additional \$3600 is unjustified.

2. After the approval of the amended city charter Stevens was appointed city manager at a salary of \$10,000—an increase of \$1000 yearly which the committee claims is unjustified.

3. The Torrance airport, heretofore self-supporting and capable of yielding a substantial return to the city, is now losing revenue each month.

4. Haggard is charged with making a motion to pave Juniper street on which the recall committee claims the councilman has financial interest in five properties.

5. The council is charged general with illegal spending of

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Weather Here 'Comfy' as L.A. Roasts

While most of the Southland early this week squirmed uncomfortably under near-record heat, Torrance figured only mildly. The top temperature here Tuesday was 84 degrees as compared with 92 for Los Angeles and 93 in Long Beach—the beach city's top mark of the year.

Relief here was attributed to cooling breezes and early morning haze. However, the Weather Bureau predicted yesterday that warmer weather is on the way. According to statistics furnished by the Torrance Fire Department, temperatures in the Torrance area remained moderate during the past week with an average "high" reading of about 77.5 degrees. Day-by-day breakdown follows:

Date	Max.	Min.
July 29	76	60
July 30	69	57
July 31	75	60
Aug 1	79	68
Aug 2	79	68
Aug 3	83	69

History Maker?

Four Bits Will Get You \$27.44 Saturday Night

What may well be recorded as the greatest Saturday night shopping spree in Torrance history was being predicted by local merchants yesterday as they prepared to handle response to their latest sales promotion campaign.

For the purchaser, the plan works this way: He tears page seven from today's issue of the Torrance Herald and takes it to the Herald offices at 1619 Gramercy avenue. There, the entire page and all the coupons are stamped and validated by a payment of one fifty cent piece.

Then, on Saturday between the hours of six p.m. and store closing time, Mr. and Mrs. Shopper will tour Torrance stores, shops and markets and be given without further cost—

Shoe polish, a miracle polish cloth, phonograph record, patch-o-matic kit, work gloves, a men's tie, mother and baby flashlight, frozen peas, metal waste paper basket, six-piece comb set, a salad fork and spoon, a glamour portrait of the page holder, bowl of bean soup and a cup of coffee, automobile clothes hook, pottery plate, cold drink, a photo enlargement, glass of root beer, costume jewelry, kitchen set, sheet music, surprise gift, a soap dish and a surprise package—all for fifty cents!

—And Junior? He still gets a big balloon.

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ROYALTY... Mrs. Donald Cook, of 2422 Torrance boulevard, is crowned "Queen for a Day" on the KHJ radio program of the same name. Beaming members of her court include (left to right) Miss Lynn Smythe, 1613 Amapola avenue, Mrs. Jane Smith, 2010 1/2 Martina avenue, and Mrs. Fay Hillier, 1617 Arlington avenue. Queen's escort Harry Mynatt granted Mrs. Cook's wish to have her wedding pictures taken and last week sent her off for a week's vacation in Utah.